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ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, TALKS ON INTERNAL SETTLEMENT
MAY BE DRAWING NEAR TO A FINAL AGREEMENT. AFTER SCHEDULED
SESSION ON JANUARY 24, NONE OF THE PARTICIPANTS WOULD
COMMENT EXCEPT TO SAY THAT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE. REPORTS
SAY THAT THIS SESSION WAS FOLLOWED BY AN UNSCHEDULED ONE
THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 24 AT 2000 HOURS. REPORTEDLY,
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MUZOREWA AND CHIRAU HAVE NOW ACCEPTED A TEN-YEAR DURATION
FOR THE GUARANTEED WHITE SEATS WHICH WOULD MEET THE
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MINIMUM STANCE OF SMITH. SITHOLE
IS STILL REPORTED TO BE HOLDING OUT FOR FIVE YEARS
AND THESE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN NATIONALIST GROUPS MAY
BE CAUSING SOME RIFTS. MUZOREWA IS REPORTED TO HAVE
CRITICIZED THE "SUPER-NATIONALIST", AN APPARENT REFERENCE

TO SITHOLE AND HE HAS BEEN CONSISTENTLY OVER LAST FEW
WEEKS RAPPING SITHOLE'S PROPENSITY FOR "GRANDSTANDING"
FOR THE PRESS. SITHOLE'S CAMP HAS ALSO BEEN CRITICAL,
BOTH PRIVATELY AND PUBLICLY OF MUZOREWA'S WILLINGNESS
TO "SELL OUT" ON MAJORITY RULE (REFTEL AND PREVIOUS).
DESPITE THESE FRICTIONS, ACCOUNTS OF THE NIGHT
MEETING JANUARY 24 SAY ACCORD MAY HAVE BEEN REACHED.
ONE PRESS ACCOUNT AND THE SABC RADIO BROADCAST SAID THAT
SMITH CAN BE EXPECTED TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY
(JANUARY 25) WHICH MAY RELATE TO THE SETTLEMENT TALKS.
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